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to give the news impartially,
without fear or favor . . .

—Adolph S. Ochs

Computer-type system to reduce heating costs

by Robert Swanson

October's early snows and plummeting temperatures and even that old stand-by, the Farmers Almanac, all point toward another long, cold winter ahead. While these "good" winters funnell needed revenue into Vermont through its ski areas and recreational facilities, they bring havoc upon heating costs in the state.

Last winter, in an attempt to reduce heating and electrical costs, St. Michael's acquired a computer system to aid in increasing the efficiency of campus energy systems.

The device, which does not technically qualify as a computer, is more of a monitoring system which centralizes control of dozens of separate and smaller systems around the college. The monitor, while not fully automated, utilizes simple programs to control lights, fans, pumps and various aspects of energy consumption campus-wide.

Vernon Cross, superintendent of buildings and grounds, said that while certain energy systems such as ventilation and electrical flow are automated through the system, the heating of buildings is still controlled by individual thermostats.

The advantage of the monitoring system is that it automatically scans the hundreds of points related to heat and electrical usage levels campus-wide and alerts a human operator to take appropriate actions, depending on the nature of the problem. This makes it possible to check and "trim" energy consumption, as well as enabling various systems to work in conjunction with each other to

provide adequate heat and light energy with a minimum of waste.

According to Cross, "The computer has been a tremendous help in enabling one man to supervise and control the heating systems and all the efficient variables involved with efficient heating." Before SMC had the system, a man would go from building to building checking heat, lights, fans, and open windows. Many times, things did not get done. Currently, the controls are together with many of the functions programmed automatically in a staggered starting system so as to cut peak loads through efficient timing. Everything can be checked and appropriate steps for most problems can be taken from right here.

"But," Cross continued, "It's just like any new piece of machinery. It takes some getting used to, to understand it perfectly. We're still trying to work some bugs out of the system."

One thing Cross discovered was that he could check on the computer's activities without even going near its base next to Founders Hall. "I just tune my AM radio to WDEV in Waterbury and at certain points on campus the computer's monitoring pulsations will override the station signal. I can tell by the rhythm of the interference if there is trouble somewhere." As he spoke, the steady pinging on his radio skipped a beat. After listening for a second, he turned off the radio. "That was the computer triple-checking a discrepancy between an actual and recommended heat level somewhere."

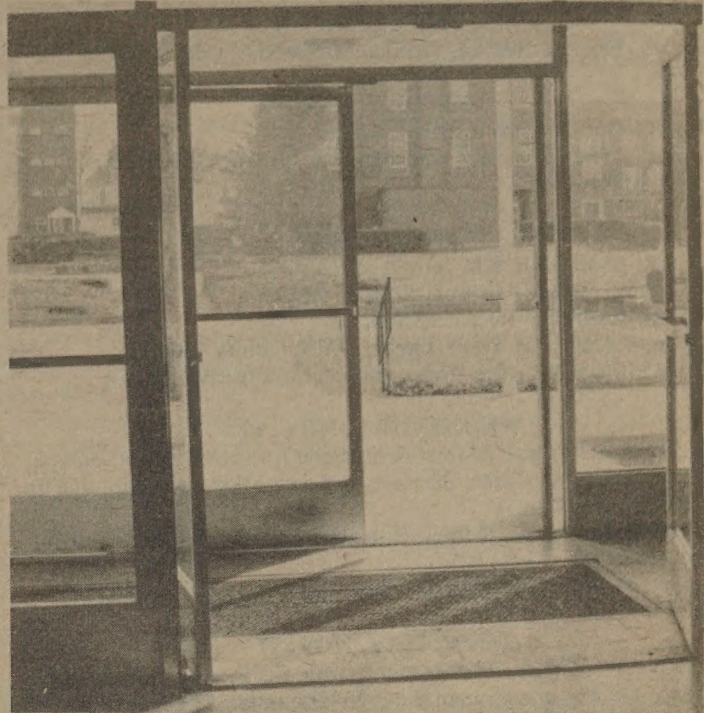
After he stopped at the com-

puter base and made some adjustments, he said, referring to campus energy waste, "Substantial savings could result if everyone would turn off lights when they're not using them and shutting windows and doors in both classrooms and dorms, especially at the end of the day." According to the superintendent, if a light is not going to be used for a period of more than three minutes, then it should be shut off. This will save more electricity than will be used by relighting the lamp again. Concerning the importance of keeping windows shut, Cross explained, "A heated building will stay heated much of the day without keeping the boilers on. But when windows or doors are open, then that heat just funnels right out, the temperature drops, the heat goes back on, and this creates the difference in room temperatures. Those rooms with closed windows get hotter because the sensors pick up a lower temperature due to the drafts."

Cross urges any faculty member or student encountering any problems with their heat to contact his office at extension 301. "If they don't let us know there are problems, we can't take steps to correct them. What we want is to keep everyone warm and yet maintain an efficient balance of energy expenditure."

John Buchan, ex-SMC business manager, commended the results obtained with the new system. Figures, while incomplete for this year, point toward substantial cuts in both electrical and oil expenditures.

"The final segment of the 75-76 winter showed us that the system can save money. Time will tell just how much, but we are very encouraged by its performance."



Open door in Alliot — it lets the fresh air in, but lets the warm air out.
Photo by Steve Kunz

Debate covers issues

by Bob Borquez

After describing the needs of the American people as food, clothing, and shelter, Michael Urban said, "the present administration meets the needs of the American people and Carter has a very slim chance of matching the same."

Thus began one of the rebuttals in the Political Science Club sponsored debate between two teams of students arguing the resolve: that the present administration fulfills the needs of the American people on the domestic level. Arguing the pro side, on behalf of the Ford administration, were Dan Pomeroy, team captain, Mary Gleason, and Michael Urban, all political science majors. Attacking the record of the present administration were Donald Pfundstein, team captain, Louise Fleming, and Michael Holden, all political science majors.

Opening the forum was Mary Gleason's attack on Jimmy Carter's economic proposals.

"Carter's economic policy would leave this country in a shambles." She then proceeded to describe President Ford's approach to the twin problems of inflation and recession, citing the President's tax cuts as increasing the purchasing power of the consumer and stimulating the economy.

Louise Fleming, in her attack on the incumbent's record, reviewed the basic principles of the American political system by making reference to the Lockean theory of the social contract. She then attacked Ford's lack of leadership, "the executive must assume the leadership of the Congress."

"Experience is something essential to Presidential position," said Dan Pomeroy, quoting political scientist Richard Neustadt. Expounding on this statement, Pomeroy said the quality and quantity of an executive's experience is paramount to effective

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Party policy fits Vermont state law

by Julian Kaiser

In an effort to control the partying rate at St. Michael's College, a policy concerning on-campus parties has been issued by Sr. Jeannette Asselin, assistant dean of student affairs.

"We lost a lot of students last year who left because they felt there was too much partying going on and they couldn't study," Sr. Jeannette said.

The eight-point policy, which is in accordance with Vermont State law, was compiled by Sr. Jeannette along with Security Chief George Clarke.

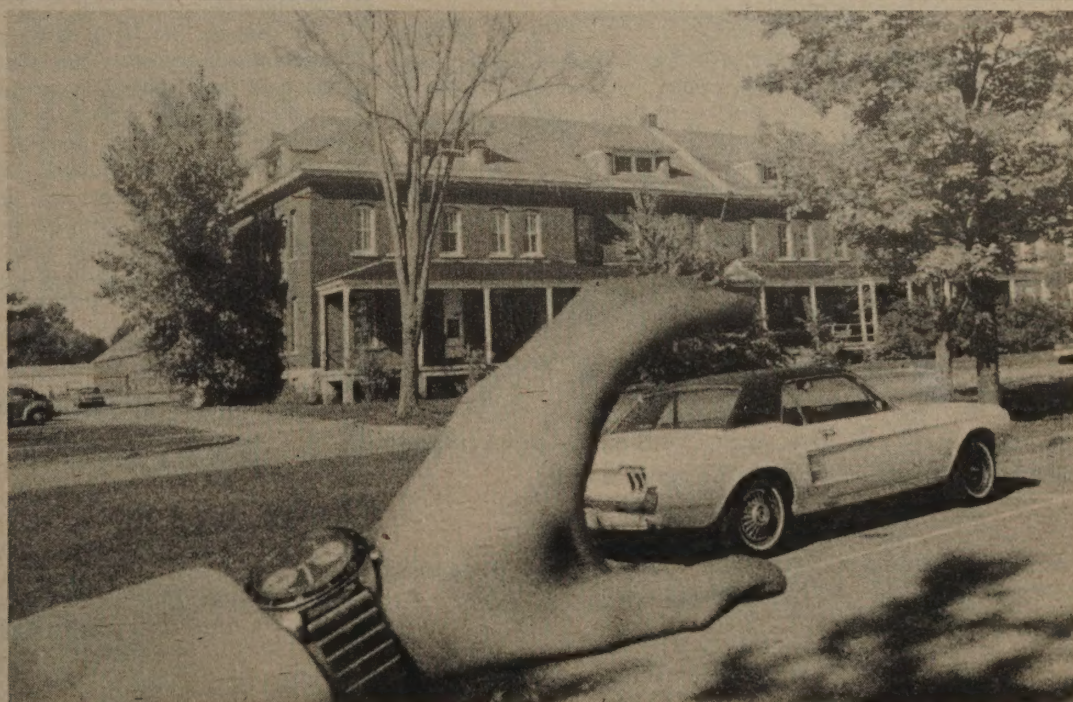
According to the policy, any person or persons sponsoring an activity are held entirely responsible for the event and adequate supervision must be provided in order to prevent any problems concerning damage to school property or injury to

those attending.

Parties that are attended by more than 100 persons are considered to be open and a registration form must be filled out one week in advance. A security officer must be hired for open parties, thus the advance notice. Closed parties or those that are attended by less than 100 persons only require two days' notice and do not need security guards.

Before any party is registered with Sr. Jeannette, it must be approved by that person's head resident assistant. If alcoholic beverages are being served at a party, soft drinks must also be made available. Finally, all parties must end at 1 a.m.

"We were getting calls from UVM concerning late night parties on Dalton Drive," Sr. Jeannette said. "We have to be sensitive to other people."



"Security's new towing service."

Photo by Mike Hamel

.. On campus ..

FRIDAY, NOV. 5

8 p.m., Fall production, "Under Milkwood," McCarthy.

SATURDAY, NOV. 6

7 p.m.-1 a.m., Crown and Sword cocktail party, Alliot lounge.
8 p.m., Fall production, "Under Milkwood," McCarthy.
8 p.m.-1 a.m., Dance-concert sponsored by the junior class, north campus gym.

SUNDAY, NOV. 7

8 p.m., Fall production, "Under Milkwood," McCarthy.

MONDAY, NOV. 8

7 p.m., Outing Club meeting, Klein.
8 p.m., "The Great War and Modern Memory", lecture by Paul Fussell, McCarthy.

TUESDAY, NOV. 9

4 p.m., Meditation lab, Jemery 217A.
6:30 p.m., Senate Meeting, Science 107.
7 p.m., Insurance Forum, Klein.
7 p.m.-9 p.m., Fire Department, Alliot faculty lounge.
8 p.m.-10 p.m., Coffee house and cartoon festival, Klein.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

1:15 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Monovalent swine flu shots, Alliot lounge.
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., Career decisionmaking workshop, Klein, sign up at the Resource Center.
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Human Potential Lab, Sr. Jeannette's office, Klein.
8 p.m., One-act plays, "Trees" and "The Lottery," McCarthy.

THURSDAY, NOV. 11

4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Monovalent swine flu shots, Alliot lounge.
7 p.m., Commemoration of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution by Dr. George Olgyay, 3rd floor Ryan lounge.
8 p.m., Fall production, "Under Milkwood," McCarthy.

.. News briefs ..

Monovalent swine flu shots will be available Wednesday and Thursday in Alliot lounge. Flu shots will not be administered to those allergic to eggs, who have a fever, or who have had another vaccination within 14 days. The inoculation reportedly will protect against the swine flu, not against other flu strains.

Klein Student Center needs firewood. Anyone with information on cut and split hardwood should contact Peter Worrell, Founders 262, extension 262. Prices negotiable.

No firearms are permitted in the dorms. Beginning Monday, students may store and register their guns at the Security office in Ryan Hall.

Registration for second semester courses at Trinity College will take place on Nov. 19, 22 and 23 — 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Prior permission is required from your Academic Advisor. Permission slip obtained at Registrar's Office — J28. Permission of Trinity Chairperson of the applicable course is also required. Permission slip (pink) obtained from Trinity Registrar.

All memorial contributions for Paul Bancroft were used to purchase life-support systems for the Rescue Squad ambulance. The devices are enclosed in a special case with a plaque dedicated in memory of Bancroft.

Ping-pong tables have been placed in Klein Student Center. New center hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m.-1 a.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-1 a.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

There will **not** be a Sunday evening film series for the next three weeks, according to SA Cultural Events Chairman Mike Smith.

Pre-meds, pre-dents and others interested in allied health professions should contact Dr. Daniel Bean of the Biology Department in Science 318.

The Michaelman is being printed in a new format this week. Page lengths have been shortened, but the pages are wider.

The cross-country team is traveling to Franklin Park in Boston this weekend to compete in the New England meet.

McKeown addresses Student Association apathy

by Bob Borquez

Immediately after the Senate was called to order Tuesday night, Senate President Jeffrey P. McKeown addressed the Senate on the topic of student disenchantment with the S.A.

"A couple of students . . . stated that we don't really accomplish anything and we're a waste . . . if you have any comments or complaints, please let the Senate know . . . constructive criticism should prove healthy . . . another complaint is about the rules we use here," McKeown said.

Tom Payne, chairman of Klein Student Center Governing Board, announced that ping pong tables have been installed in the center. He added that candy and soda machines will be placed in Klein.

Mike Bednarz, social committee chairman, reported that "the Halloween party (last week) went over very well" netting a \$30 profit. The party was co-sponsored by the Social Committee and Omega House.

Under old business, it was reported that the bus to North Campus will run every 15 minutes from seven to 11 at night for the next two weeks on an experimental basis. All students, especially those who usually drive their own cars, are urged to utilize the bus to insure its continuation.

John Moran mentioned that a letter be sent to President Edward L. Henry containing a list of suggestions which would improve the quality of the food service on campus. One recommendation would limit the term of the contract (now presently lasting for three years) with the food service to one year. Another request was that the bids for next year's contract be open to all food companies. And thirdly, insure that the opening of the north campus dining hall is

stipulated in next year's budget. Two amendments were offered to the motion: the first of which said that Saga Food Service be asked why they are instituting their cost-cutting procedures, the other amendment would have managerial and student relations with the food service investigated.

The question of recognition of the Language Club was raised again. Club President Lynn Trepanier defended her absence last week (at which the Senate, by a vote of 37-17 defeated a motion to recognize the club), saying she was at a Language Club event and that she did not know that the club president was expected to be at the Senate meeting when there is a vote of recognition. She then listed the activities which the club had scheduled: game nights on Tuesday, a coffee house on Nov. 11 and the presentation of a French play. The question of recognition was raised again; this time the motion carried and the club was recognized.

Academic Dean Vernon

Gallagher addressed the Senate, referring to charges in academic policy concerning the missing of more than three classes. "I assure you, there is no change . . . I don't know where the story came that there was a change," he said. He cited the student catalog, which he pointed out contained a contradiction and which will be corrected, as being the official policy of the college.

When asked about reports that students have been thrown out of classes for having more than three unexcused absences, Gallagher added, "I have yet to do (remove a student) so . . . I have yet to find a reason for which a student should be removed from a classroom." Gallagher said that his comments on grade inflation last year were based on statistics gathered by Dr. Vincent Naramore and Dr. Frederick Maher. He could not give the breakdown of the statistics; "I can't tell you which departments were most generous and which were most rigid."

Shots begin next week

Immunization against swine flu will begin Nov. 10 in Alliot lounge, Director of Health Services Jane Campbell said.

The monovalent vaccine, providing protection only against swine flu virus, is available to all persons over the age of 18. Vermont has received 30,000 doses of the monovalent vaccine.

Clinics will be held in Alliot on Nov. 10 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Nov. 11 from 4:40 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Persons should not receive the vaccine if they are allergic to eggs as the vaccine is made from swine flu viruses injected into fertilized hens' eggs and cultivated for several days. Fluid containing

the viruses is withdrawn, purified, sterilized and mixed with formaldehyde to inactivate the viruses. The disease cannot be contracted from the killed virus.

Precautions should be taken if a person has a fever or has had another vaccination within 14 days.

It takes two to three weeks for the vaccine to become effective in a person's system. Peak flu season occurs in January or February in Vermont, although epidemics can shift the pattern.

Reactions range from tenderness at the site of the shot to fever, chills, headache or muscle aches within the first 48 hours.

The swine flu virus is similar to the Spanish influenza of 1918-1919 which killed 21.6 million persons, more than one per cent of the world's population. In the United States, one in four persons was stricken.

Tournaments begin Monday in Klein

Beginning Monday, Klein Student Center will be hosting a pinball and ping pong tournament.

In pinball, the Drop A Card machine will be used. This is the machine on the far right as one enters the game room. All contestants will try to score as many points as possible with one quarter. Highest scores will be posted and at the end of the week, the finals will occur

between the top ten scorers.

In ping pong, games will be the best out of five, following official rules. Again, semi-final winners will be posted and a playoff will occur.

For ping pong, entry forms must be filled out at the main desk in order to establish playing times.

Winners will have their names engraved on a plaque to be kept permanently at Klein.

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Paid by security

Work-study students check closed parties

by Frank Furfaro

Several work-study students employed by security are now available for use at closed parties, according to George Clarke, security chief.

These students can be summoned by any group having a party through the security office. The students will keep an eye on the party and make sure that everything runs smoothly, "This is to benefit the students," Clarke said. "These student-workers have little power, so if trouble develops they call the call the security office immediately for assistance," he added.

Work-study students cannot drink alcoholic beverages while on duty.

The students will not have to pay for these student security workers. Their salaries will come out of Clarke's budget.

Since this new system has been in effect, several groups have re-

quested that a student-worker attend. One group even requested that a security officer attend. Clarke is optimistic about this new system. "We would be happy to meet the request of any individual in any capacity," he said.

Security officers are required at all open parties (parties with more than 100 persons attending) by Vermont liquor laws. They are not, however, required at closed parties. This new system gives the students a chance to protect their dormitories against possible damage and trouble resulting from a closed party, Clarke said.

Student-workers will not appear at any closed party without authorization from the persons in charge of the party and security. "We are not trying to spy on anyone; all we want to do is help out the students," Clarke said.

Post office infestation rated mild by service

by Bob Borquez

Describing silverfish as "long, slender, fast bugs, with several legs," the exterminator at Abalene Pest Control Service of Shelburne Road said that the infestation at the college post office was "a mild situation."

He added that while there is "no disease factor" involved, the insects were "a nuisance (to the employees) and can cause damage to books, since the creatures do digest paper and other starchy materials. Abalene's was called into the post office about two weeks ago and recently repeated fumigation with a fogger machine to insure maximum effectiveness. No further spraying is anticipated, unless the insects return. While there is no way of ascertaining exactly how the silverfish came into the post office, they are known to follow pipelines and can be transported in the movement of paper and cardboard.

William Mazur, of the office

of administrative services, which oversees the post office, said that although the exterminator described the insect infestation as one of silverfish, Mazur contended that "they weren't silverfish. . . I don't know what kind of insects they were." He concurred with the pest control service that "the situation wasn't alarming." He then claimed that "the fellow who came here hadn't seen one, and I haven't seen one since." He added that only the post office employees saw the silverfish.



United Way

115 foreign students offered three courses of study

by Joan Moran

Since 1954, there has been an International Student Program at St. Michael's. This year there are three different courses available: an Intensive English program, an Associates degree program, and a Masters degree program.

The Intensive English course runs for eight, 12 or 16 weeks. The Associates degree is one semester and the Masters degree lasts two semesters and a summer.

There are 115 students here from 28 different countries; 37 from Venezuela, 14 from Japan,

ten from Mexico, and one to four students from each of the remaining 25 countries.

The students live in Hamel, Purtil, Alumni, the Language House on Dalton Drive and Ryan Hall.

Twelve weeks is the average stay for students in the Intensive English program. From St. Mike's, they either go on to another college or return home. Some students go to Oregon, Florida, or New Jersey.

Under Director Eugene P. O'Neill and Assistant Director Rick Gamache, the academic goal at St. Mike's is to train

students in comprehensive English and acquaint them with some American culture. Activities include movie trips, visiting the Shelburne Museum and coffee houses every Thursday afternoon.

The ISP students like it here and have encountered few problems. The American students are friendly but the international students wish that there were more American students in their classes. Most ISP students agree that it is easier to learn in this environment.

Some of the international students will not be able to go home for the Christmas holiday. Anyone interested in providing a home should contact: Rick Gamache, DLC, Ext. 300.

Ambassador

to speak here in February

The first guest speaker for the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation will be Ruth Bacon.

She will be here in February and stay for one week.

Bacon worked her way up through the ranks of the foreign service to ambassadorial status. More recently, she was director of the U.S. Center for International Women's Year.

The object of the International Women's Year is to promote equality between men and women and the full integration of women in the economic, social and political development of their countries.

While she is especially knowledgeable about the role of women in the 1970's, she would like to speak with students about life in the foreign service, developing countries in relation to the United States and international law, and the use of the world court.

The Sunday evening film series has been cancelled for the remainder of the semester, according to Mike Smith, SA Cultural Events chairman, as the film lens has been sent away to be repolished.

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Student attendance up to each instructor

Last year, the faculty ad hoc committee on absenteeism established the following policies on student absenteeism.

(1) Members of the teaching faculty are expected to meet all scheduled classes unless prevented by illness or other emergencies.

(2) Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes.

(3) The instructor of a course

may allow unexcused absences equal to the number of class meetings per week. Additional unexcused absences will be considered excessive.

(4) The instructor will report excessive absences to the Academic Dean who will warn the student.

(5) If unexcused absences continue, the Academic Dean may remove the student from class.

Debate covers

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leadership. He then alleged that Carter was deficient in both of these areas. He also accused the former Georgia governor of using the non-taxpaying rich as a scapegoat in his Presidential campaign.

In an explicit, organized assault, Michael Holden ran through the entire list of the failures of the present administration. Citing the incumbent's multitude of vetoes of bills dealing with health, education, unemployment, energy, and consumer protection, Holden forensically attacked Ford. He also pointed out that "even his (Ford's) own party had questions as to his abilities" as was evidenced by the candidacy earlier this year of Ronald Reagan.

Subsequently, the rebuttal period started with Donald Pfundstein firing the first attack on the Ford team. He opened his argument by effective use of satire. He continued by raising the question of then-Congressman Ford's alleged involvement in an effort to limit an early investigation into Watergate. Pfundstein finished by listing the accomplishments of the present administration; a 7.8 per cent unemployment rate, the fact that 10.7 per cent of the people in this country live below the poverty level, the fact that for the last seven quarters (with the exception of one) economic growth has declined, and finally,

that the administration has blocked a school consensus (established by the Civil Rights Act of 1964) which determines the extent of progress in school integration.

The final rebuttal of the debate was levelled by Urban on behalf of the Ford side. He said Ford was a man of conviction, pointing to the President's tenacious refusal to help New York City when it was threatened with default. He pointed out Carter's alleged inconsistencies by saying that Carter promised to "stamp out" drug abuse as Governor of Georgia, and then claiming that Carter favored the legalization of marijuana.

He also reiterated a point made by Ford in the first Presidential debate, that Carter's successor as governor, George Busbee, described the Georgia Department of Human Resources as an "organizational nightmare" (this was also inaccurate, as pointed out by TIME magazine; Busbee attributed the "organizational nightmare" to the Federal bureaucracy, while Ford attributed responsibility to Carter). Urban concluded by saying that the real question was "Who needs Jimmy Carter?" and implied that President Ford reflected the principles of the Republican Party, about which Urban said, "That's the unique thing about the Republican Party, they believe in leaving things alone."

Editorial

Steps encouraging

While living conditions at Linnehan Hall have improved since the article appeared in this paper last week, they remain below levels expected for the \$550 fee we pay to live on campus.

Since the interview with the dormitory residents last week and the article appeared in the **Michaelman**, lounge furniture arrived, along with shower curtains and shower mats. On Monday, the holes in the walls were filled and on Tuesday replastered. Broken windows were replaced last Friday.

While all repairs have not been made, it is encouraging to note that steps have been taken to rectify the problem. It is unfortunate that the situation reached its boiling point before the administration stood up and took positive steps.

Lack of communication between administration and students has been a recurring problem in past years. How can this relationship improve if the administration does not heed student requests until these requests reach their crescendo as demonstrated in the Linnehan encounter?

—CVB

Classrooms for study

By Bernadette Kenney
Feature Editor

Evident to most of us are the changes that have occurred concerning security policies on campus. What is not so obvious, to the security force, is the need for students to utilize classrooms for study.

Jemery is open until 12:30 a.m. at the latest on weeknights. With the library closing at midnight, it is difficult for a student to seek an appropriate place to study after this hour. A student needs an alternative area outside the dorms to focus his thoughts on that which is essential to comprehend.

Moreover, to make use of blackboards is inevitable for certain concentrations such as math. Jemery is the only place where students can do this.

And what about science concentrators who need to use labs in the later hours of night? They, too, find themselves at a loss when the doors of Science Hall are locked at the designated hour.

It seems security, as well as certain administrative officials, are overly concerned about the possibility of damage and theft in these buildings. If security can be placed in dorms to deter such speculated vandalism, it would not seem unreasonable for the same to be done in Jemery and Science.

Of course, there will always be those who will disrespect what is offered by the college community and show little desire for the attainment of knowledge. However, it has always been my belief, and will remain as such, that school policies are to benefit the majority of students who are seriously interested in receiving an education.

When the security force is able to divert their attention, for just a moment, from that which is material and become genuinely concerned in the students' purpose, maybe then the student will come to realize and respect the advantages of campus security.

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Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

I'd just like to comment on a new addition to the security force of St. Michael's College, the flasher atop the patrol car that is commonly seen patrolling the streets of St. Michael's.

It is surely a necessary addition! I mean the amount of crime and emergencies at St.

Michael's is, on a ratio, close to Newark's. One thing I would like to see before my graduation in May 1979 is the flashing of this necessity. One must question the appropriation of this item.

Possibly the only reason for the money allotted for this important item is the revenue received from the numerous

tickets handed out by Chief Clarke and his force.

One must question this purchase, is this St. Michael's College, or is it a city block somewhere in New York?

Where did you go, Chief Lutz?

Sincerely,

George Keady

Dear Mr. Long,

In keeping with your record, you have yet achieved another mistake! May I point out to you that a one Mr. Julius Erving, alias "Dr. J," plays the position of forward. As a matter of fact, Mr. Erving has always played the position of forward in the pros.

Since your knowledge of basketball is so vast, may I ask one question? For what team

does former Buffalo Braves Captain Jim McMillan play? (If you guessed the team that didn't get George McGinnis or Kareem Abdul-Jabbar because management does not try to improve the quality of its team, you guessed right.)

It appears to this writer that the sports editor for the **Michaelman** is:

a) pro-Boston

b) been asleep with the pen.

c) believing that Monroe, Frazier, Haywood, McMillan, and Gianelli will roll over and die when they play the Celtics, Braves, 76'ers, and Nets.

d) just ignorant.

e) all of the above.

Mr. Long, your criticism is appreciated, but please let's get the facts straight.

Jim Fay

Dear Editor,

The residents of Dalton Drive would like to thank President Henry, Jerry Flanagan, Lew Whitney, Don Larson, and all other personnel responsible in

upgrading the living conditions here. The houses were in deplorable conditions when we arrived. They have thus been made livable by Saint Michael's and U.V.M. We understand that

the process is slow but improvements are being made every day.

Thank you for your concern.

Dalton 402, 409, 500, 503, 601, 602, 603.

Dear Editor,

At this time I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the service organizations that made the annual Halloween party for the underprivileged children of the area such a great success.

To name all of the individuals

would be an injustice to the true meaning of volunteering. You know who you are. However, the kindness exhibited by one individual cannot go unnoticed. All the candy given out to the kids at the party was donated by an SMC student. He or she asked to remain anonymous. I do not

know who this person is. Whomever you are, thank you. Again, my deepest heartfelt thanks is sent out to all of you who had a hand in making the party the success it was.

Dick Long

Student Coordinator

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Dave—

Having read the Oct. 22 issue of the **Michaelman**, I noted you questioned the legality of interest on your damage deposits. You also queried the possibility of demanding the interest.

You definitely have a good point here. Vermont law allows landlords (in this case the college administration) to charge and hold damage deposits. However, the law also provides that the interest must be paid to the tenant. The same also holds for utility and telephone deposits.

I sincerely wish you luck with your endeavors concerning the

fee. Maybe if you become enough of a bear St. Mike's, as Lyndon, will eliminate the deposit. We now only get billed for specific damage and pay upon repair.

Sincerely,

W. Filgate

Co-ordinator of Publications

Lyndon Critic

LSC, Lyndonville, VT 05851

Dear Students and Editors,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both members of the Crown and Sword Society and special volunteers who offered their help at the initial Saturday gym day held on Oct. 23. The response from St. Joseph's reflects a desire for more such programs. This is very encouraging since dates had been set up in anticipation of other morning sessions during this semester.

In closing, I wish to extend a welcome to any person interested in proctoring either in the gym or pool area on the following Saturday mornings: Nov. 20; Dec. 4.

These sessions are not confined to participation only by big brothers and sisters or to the assistance of only Crown and Sword members. The purpose of this program is to enable both underprivileged children and

SMC students to spend some active time together. Therefore, if anyone has ideas or athletic skills he or she would be willing to offer or demonstrate on some Saturday morning, please contact the Student Resource Center. This program is just getting on its feet and proposed activities would really be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Monica Joyal

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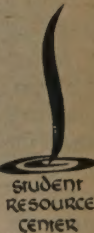
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Student performances give play superb rating

by Gary Kastal

No Exit, the blossoming of Jean-Paul Sartre's dramatic genius, was rendered superbly Oct. 30, in the Drama, Club-sponsored play at the Herrouet Theatre. Its theme, the impossibility of escaping Hell, was portrayed vividly, captivating the entire audience and shocking them into recognition of the necessity of such a place no matter how unappealing it is.

This theme was brought into focus in the most exacting terms by the close and unified interplay of the characters implemented and conceived through the carefully-balanced eye of its director, Wendy Kernstock. Through her precision and understanding of the actors' abilities, she brought forth a play that indeed captured the full torrents of the human condition.

Joseph (Ben Ash), a silent, but dangerously ruthless and intent character, was portrayed magnificently. Ash, through subtle intensity and harrowing, direct diction, dared the audience to search the internal workings of their own psyche and to ponder the question of their own tawdry existences. His

motivations and interchanges in dialogue carry the play to its lucid, unmitigating end.

The valet (Matt Whyte), whose presence is felt on as well as off the stage, lends insight into the latent thrust of each character's self conceptions through the patronization and hyperbolic inquisitions which Whyte exercised flawlessly. Fascinating and remarkably introspective were the performances of Inez (Andrea Frechette) and Estelle (Peggy Lynch), two diverse characters who fluctuate constantly. Each a manipulator, Inez, through an alluring, bewitching tone in speech, and Estelle, whose own sexual void needs fulfilling, are spellbouncing at the least.

From beginning to end, each character gradually eclipses his other self, the artificial facet of the personality, till, at the very end, we see that their eternal damnation is actually done through each others' ridicule and sarcasm. What surfaces is the antithesis of our internal nature and the hypocritical relationship to the external world which in effect is Hell.

SMC women work with Bob Hope in skit

Ceci Devine and Victoria Amrhein will represent St. Michael's in the Bob Hope Show Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Vermont's Patrick Gym.

The women, along with two women from UVM, Trinity College and Champlain College, will be in a skit with Hope and will also serve as models. Devine and Amrhein were chosen from five SMC women interviewed for the positions.

Other college representatives include: Judy Pirie and Lynn Breitmaier, UVM; Angela Warren and Janis Ryan, Trinity; and Sue Desrosiers and Lori Dowling, Champlain.

The show, which will benefit the Medical Center Hospital, features Kay Hart, Jack Straw, the Louis Beaudoin Family, the Vermont Jazz Ensemble, and Suzanne Wind, Miss Vermont.

Tickets may be obtained at Magrams or the Patrick Gym.



Cast members of "Under Milkwood" prepare for weekend performances at dress rehearsal Tuesday night.

Photo by Mike Hamel

Play revolves around birth, sex and death

by Peter P. Mullen

Under Milkwood, written by Dylan Thomas, opened on Thursday evening in the McCarthy Arts Center. Dylan Thomas is best known for his virtuous poetry and as a fine playwright.

The play takes place in a Welsh fishing town called Milkwood. It centers around birth, sex and death. Thomas always considered these three acts the high points of a person's life. The themes of birth, sex and death are thrust across very strongly throughout the play,

but not to the point where it becomes tedious.

The play concerns itself with just one day in the life of Milkwood. This would be expected of Dylan Thomas because of his obsession with time. Within this one day, one will live the life of everyone in Milkwood.

Donald Rathgeb, the head of the Fine Arts Department at SMC, directs the play. He utilized the talents of 27 members of the Trinity and SMC community, some of which have had no experience on a college

stage before. It is carried by two veterans of drama at St. Michael's College, Paul "Scoop" Edwards and Mary-Carol Maganzini. They have the roles of first voice and second voice, respectively. They act as interpreters of the play while having no personal contact with the other members of the cast. Katie Owens plays the role of Polly Garter and Matt Popecki plays the role of Captain Cat. Both give excellent supporting roles.

The play will be performed on Nov. 5, 6, 7, 12 and 13.

Men's motives selfish Hanagan argues

The Linnehan Philosophical Society recently presented: "Life Means: Every Man For Himself, Doesn't It?" The participants in the presentation were Dr. John Hanagan, who argued the affirmative side of the question, and Tom McHugh, a biology major, who argued for the negative.

Hanagan, before he was through had one almost completely convinced that all men's basic motives are selfish and if any "good" is ever done (this context changes the definition of "good" to some degree), it has some selfish ulterior motive. McHugh, on the other hand, agreed with his opponent that the opposite of egotism (Hanagan's viewpoint), namely, a sure altruism, is an untenable

position, one simply cannot give to and work for others to the complete and total neglect of himself. McHugh, however, failed to offer any feasible alternative. Before the evening was over, though, the tables did a 90-degree turnabout — Hanagan came to argue against the side he was advocating, showing that egoism does not fully accomplish one's end, but a modified altruism will bring that goal much closer to completion.

Upcoming events for the Linnehan Philosophical Society are: Nov. 10, Dr. Stephen Cahn (UVM), "The Decline of the Liberal Education," 7:30 p.m., Klein; and Nov. 17, Fr. VanderWeel, "On Practical Reason," same time, same place.

Fussell to lecture from book

Paul Fussell, Rutgers professor, was thrust into national prominence when his book, "The Great War in Modern Memory", won the National Book Critics Circle Award for the "best book in criticism" in 1975 and *Time* magazine named it one of the best five non-fiction books of 1975. The book is expected to go into a third printing.

Professor Fussell will lecture from his award-winning book on Nov. 8 in the McCarthy Arts Center. The 8 p.m. lecture is free and open to the public.

Fussell attributes the popularity of "The Great War in Modern Memory" to "its amazing success with ordinary people." In the book he tells how World War I "transformed an innocent outlook into an ironic or even skeptical one" that carried over from the battlefield to the fields of writing and art, and other aspects of American culture and society.

In addition to the National Book Critics Circle Award, Fussell's book received a nomination for the National Book Award for the category "arts & letters", the lead review by *Time* Magazine, and was the subject of the weekly book review program by Heywood Hale Broun on WOR radio, New York.

Magazine seeks top women

St. Michael's students are invited to participate in *Glamour* Magazine's 1977 Top Ten College Women Contest. Young women from colleges and universities throughout the country will compete in *Glamour*'s search for ten outstanding students. A panel of *Glamour* editors will select the winners on the basis of their solid records of achievement in academic studies and/or in extracurricular activities on campus or in the community.

The 1977 Top Ten College Women will be featured in *Glamour*'s August College Issue. During April, May or June, the ten winners will be invited to New York to meet the *Glamour* staff and will receive a \$500 cash prize.

Anyone who is interested in entering the search should contact Sr. Jeannette Asselin for more information. The deadline for submitting an application to *Glamour* is Feb. 15, 1977.

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Casey at the bar

by John Acton
(apologies to Phineas Thayer)

It looked extremely rocky for the Swillers nine that day;
The score stood two to four, with but an hour left to play.
So when Moran passed-out at seven, and Keenan did the same,
Drinkers thought of leaving, for they hate a losing game.

A staggering few got up to go, leaving there the best,
With that hope which springs eternal within the human breast.
For they thought: "If only Casey, who had had no chance thus far,"
They'd put even money now, with Casey at the bar.

But Duffy preceded Casey, and likewise so did Long,
And the former was a pudd'n, and the latter was a shlong.
So on that stricken multitude, someone phoned their Ma;
For there seemed but little chance of Casey's getting to the bar.

But Duffy downed a double, to the wonderment of all.
And the much-despised Long "broke the bottle on the wall."
And when the commotion settled, and we saw what had took place,
There was Duffy standing steady, and Long wiping off his face.

Then from the gladdened multitude went up a joyous yell—
It rumbled in the mountaintops, my God it was heard in Hell;
It struck upon the hillside and rebounded right off Mars;
For Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bar.

There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place,
There was pride in Casey's bearing and a smile on Casey's face;
And when responding to the cheers he stood there like a Czar,
No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey at the bar.

The bartender stood there nervous, waiting for a sign,
But Casey sat there laughing, thinking, "the money might be mine."
So he signaled to the bartender, bring that drink to me,
But mighty Casey took his drink, and spilt it on his knee.

"Fraud!" cried the swillers, and the echo answered "Fraud!"
But one scornful look from Casey and the audience was awed;
They saw his face grow stern and cold, they saw his muscles strain,
And then they knew that Casey would never drop a drink again.

The smile is gone from Casey's face, his hands shake no more,
Another drink is brought, while the first is wiped off the floor.
And now the drink is raised so high, that everyone can see,
And now the drink is gone, and Casey's on one knee.

Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright,
The band is playing somewhere and somewhere hearts are light;
And somewhere men are laughing while drinking from their cups,
But there is no joy in Swillville: Mighty Casey has thrown-up.

See you there . . .

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Intercession city study seeks many students

Plans for the new "in-the-field" intercession course — to study selected North American cities — have progressed considerably from their original inception a year ago.

This innovative class — which is not limited to sociology majors — will start its study in Boston on Dec. 28; spending several days in each city, will fly to Toronto, Washington, New York, and will end in Hartford, Connecticut on Jan. 20. Side tours are planned to two totally planned cities outside of Washington as well. The purpose of this three-credit course is to give students an academically relevant view of these culturally rich and diverse urban areas.

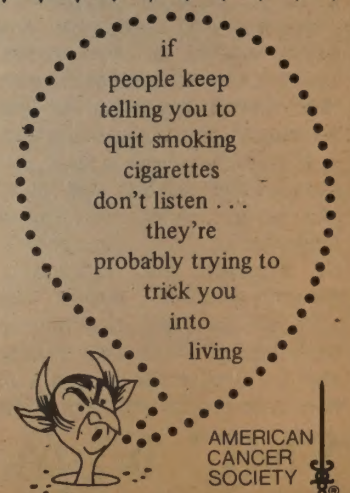
The schedule is designed to allow students to spend the holidays with their families and another long week-end at home before the second semester resumes. Assuming an adequate enrollment (about 12), the total cost of air transport shall be as low as \$155. Adding tuition, room and board, the entire package is expected to cost between \$500 and \$600.

Interested students should meet with Professor Bolduc at 7 p.m. on Monday in the basement lounge, 115 Dupont. Anyone unable to make this meeting should contact Bolduc at extension 366. Due to the extensive planning required for this course, a clear statement of intent must be indicated by Nov. 12 at the latest.

Vermont energy conservation

The State Energy Office is coordinating a month-long effort aimed at alerting Vermonters to the need for conserving energy.

Bruce Haskell, deputy director of the State Energy Office, who is running the program, said it will involve all elements of life in Vermont. He said the conservation month was timed to coincide with the Vermonter's normal instinct to start preparing for the coming winter.



What is a wombat?

by George Mendillo

Webster's unabridged definition of a wombat is: an Australian burrowing marsupial mammal resembling a small bear.

Needless to say, here at St. Michael's the definition of a wombat is somewhat different.

The general consensus is that a wombat is a permanent resident of Vermont who possesses little if any intellectual benefit for mankind. Your average wombat is backwards in relation to the rest of the world.

A typical wombat can be seen picking up bottles under the stands after a football game, or in the woods shooting at anything which goes by, including people from the real world.

A wombat is one who thinks Watergate is a lock and wants to know which river it is on. A wombat gets excitement out of riding escalators in a department store. A wombat is a person whose very existence defies the law that people are human.

Plese don't be offended, although it is humorous to see a bat riding in his '65 purple chevy with a Nixon bumpersticker, down some main street in Vermont, if there is one.



Tennis team starts training

by Mike Slifka

The St. Michael's varsity tennis team held its first meeting Monday night in preparation for the spring schedule.

At this meeting the new tennis coach, Dr. Nick Clary, professor of English at St. Michael's, outlined a comprehensive winter training program to the prospective members of the team, which finished last year with a 7-1 record, the best record compiled by any varsity team at St. Michael's last year.

The program, the first of its kind in the history of St. Michael's tennis, consists of conditioning under the supervision of Zafir Bludevich, college

trainer; actual game practice and "skull sessions" dealing with theory and strategy. This program will start next week and continue until the beginning of the season in April.

Clary plans to carry 15 members through the winter practice schedule. The team will be cut down to 10 or 12 members before match play begins, with the possibility of alternates being considered. The coach will use a ladder system to determine final placing on the team, but all members must maintain a good scholastic average to remain on the team.

Six members of last year's strong team returned. They in-

clude senior Rob Pratt, last year's Most Valuable Player; seniors Rick Reilly, Pete Lefebvre, and Mike Slifka, junior Mark Weiss, and sophomore Paul Deering. Several newcomers showed promise at a fall tryout session, so the team looks to be as strong as last year's team, in spite of the loss of three graduating seniors, Mike Williams, Brian Fagan, and Kevin Keegan. A tentative match schedule has been compiled, with Lyndon State, Middlebury, the University of Vermont, Keene State, Castleton, and Siena College.

Field hockey closes on losing note

by Mary Menke

The field hockey team closed their season Oct. 27 playing their last game here against Johnson. It was a close game, but St. Michael's lost, 1-0.

The women played well compared to their last game against Johnson, but the ball slipped through goalie Laurie Meunier's

legs.

Its record has improved drastically over the past years. Last season's record was 0-8 and this season's record turned out to be three wins, four losses and one tie.

The best game was the first one of the season, a 2-1 victory over UVM. It surprised both the

coach and the girls on the team, since UVM has always been considered a rival.

Captain Anne Noone, said this has been a good season for the team. She summed up the team's chances for next year, "We are a young, building team. We should improve."

PSI takes swim meet

by Sue Dickinson

In the men's intramural swim meet Oct. 19, Psi house came in first with a total of 40 points with Joe McDonald winning most of the events. Gamma-Epsilon and Zeta were tied at second place with 11 points each and Omegas was third with six points.

Among the events were the 200-meter relay, 100-meter individual medley, 50-meter butterfly, 100-meter breast stroke and 50-meter free-style.

Muchi won the first women's meet against Omicron. Muchi received 25 points while Omicron had seven points. Jean Ross was the outstanding swimmer.

The final point standings were: Psi, 40; G-E, 11; Zeta, 11; Omega, 6; A-Delta, 3; Sigma, 1; Muchi, 25 and Omicron, 7.

This week in flag football, Xi

forfeited to Delta. The same day Psi won 14-6 over Theta.

Phi Beta Nothing beat Delta, 24-0. Gamma-Epsilon defeated Omega 14-0. Sigma beat Nu by a score of 6-0.

In soccer action, Omega won by default against Zeta. That same day, Gamma-Epsilon maintained their undefeated record, winning by forfeit. Psi and Nu double-forfeited the October 26th game. Alpha-Delta won by a score of 3-1 over Theta. Psi was defeated by Xi, 3-0.

Reminders: intramural wrestling will be held Nov. 15-19. Weigh-ins will be Nov. 15. Nov. 29 - Dec. 8 is the basketball and polo-hockey tournament. Nov. 19 team lists are due. Intramural tennis is temporarily postponed due to weather and lack of availability of the tennis courts.

Strokers begin season

by Bill Fisher

The Saint Michael's swim team will be three years young this season, with a good chance for a championship team.

Under the direction of coach Lew Whitney, the team has been in training since early September with a water-polo program. A rigorous practice schedule has begun recently in anticipation of the first meet, Nov. 2, at Skidmore College.

Varsity members returning this year are Mike Bucher, holder of two pool records and five SMC swim team records; Rick Reilly, holder of the team's 200 fly record; Mark Luboyeski, the SMC 100 breast stroke record holder; Donna Furth; and Meara Starks. Returning for the diving squad are Eric Loveless, holder of the one meter dive record; Rugh Hughes, three meter dive record holder, and Mary Hughes. The 76-77 swim team has a total of 20 swimmers and eight divers, the largest team

thus far.

The team will be sponsoring a swim-a-thon Nov. 21. Each swimmer and diver will swim 200 laps (5,000 yards) or two hours, whichever comes first. The swimmers will seek pledges from fellow students, faculty and relatives. An average pledge is, for example, two cents a lap. The swim-a-thon is being held according to rules established by the Swimming Hall of Fame. The proceeds from the pledges will be divided in this manner: 70 per cent SMC swim team; 20 per cent, Hall of Fame, five per cent, U.S. Swim Team, and five per cent to the local Swimming Association. Plans for the 70 per cent share by the swim team include a banner or record board for the pool area and a trip to the Swimming Hall of Fame in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

The first home meet will be Saturday at 2 p.m. against our cross-town rival, the University of Vermont.

A run in the rain



The cross-country team, in their last home meet against Johnson State, defending NAIA District VII champions, lost 25-33. They closed their season at six wins, five losses.


Photo by Mike Hamel



Bear season in Vermont began Sept. 15 and continues until Nov. 21. Last year, 149 bear were taken from Vermont woods, according to the Fish and Game Department. One bear is allowed per hunter each year.

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LONG SHOTS

by Richard M. Long Sports Editor

Last Saturday, I was over at the gym to see how the free basketball clinic for area kids was going.

To no one's amazement but my own, there were nearly 100 kids (14 years and under) in sneakers, shorts and t-shirts learning the basic fundamentals of basketball from coaches Sue Duprat, Walter Baumann and Tom O'Baggy. Assisting in the clinic were several members of the men's and women's varsity basketball teams. These players volunteered their Saturday morning to show the kids some fundamental moves.

Now, going on my fourth year here all I've ever heard about the men's basketball team was that they were all spoiled brats, that got steaks for supper before every game and got other "special considerations."

I wish every critic of the men's and women's teams could see the look of appreciation in the kids' eyes when coaches Baumann and Duprat blew the whistles and started the clinic.

If you don't believe me, just show up at 10 a.m. tomorrow and see the 100-plus kids and the dozen or so players. The kids will be there, the coaches will be there, and the players will be there, but will you?

Girl hoopsters show promise

by Joan Moran

This year's women's basketball team is shaping up for a good year.

There are nine girls returning from last season: Lynn Daviau, Paula Desmarias, Debbie Drago, Debi Ferguson, Kathy Nolan, Maria Pope, Kathy

Sweeten, Patty Luther, and Mary Horan. Also on the team are: Kathy Burnell, Pam Cady, Mary Louise Mageean, Pam Bushy, Kathy Lochner, Gayle McGinnis, Pilar Lopez, and Cathy Muse.

"We have speed and experience," Coach Sue Duprat said, "the girls show a lot of enthusiasm. They deserve credit for their hard work at practice."

Coach Duprat is excited about this year's athletic program. "The girls are great and it would be worth your while to come to the games."

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Team members watch glumly from the sidelines enroute to 14-0 loss to Assumption.

Photo by Steve Kunz

Purple Knights lose 14-0

by Richard M. Long

On Saturday, St. Michael's College club football team lost to Assumption College 14-0.

The Greyhounds had 297 total offensive yards, 210 by wide receiver McKeon. The Purple Knights had 160 total offensive yards. The only offensive drive that was truly worth the word drive, occurred after the four-

minute warning, when the Knights drove 75 yards from their own 20 to the Assumption five, but the clock ran out. That was the closest the Purple Knights came to scoring.

Defensive standout was SMC Senior Dave Andrussek, who intercepted an Assumption pass on the SMC 26-yard line and returned it to the SMC 35-yard

line.

In the second half, St. Mike's came out throwing the ball but the receivers all turned out to be Assumption defensive backs. Another tough performance was put in by the defensive unit, which spent the better part of the game on the field.

The next game is Friday at Middlebury.

Game laws to be enforced

by Paul Henderson

If you plan to hunt or fish in Vermont, obey the law. I spent Oct. 30 as sidekick to State Game Warden Robert Bibeau of North Hero, Vt. To Bibeau, being a game warden is a way of life, not a job.

We left his house at 5:30 a.m. and drove to the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge is managed by Tom Mountain, a native of Ohio, and is waterfowl oriented.

During the drive to the refuge Bibeau and I chatted. He has been a state game warden for almost 14 years and likes his work and the people. "Most of the people who hunt and fish are some of the finest people in the world, but a small percentage are outlaws. The outlaws are the ones you read or hear about being arrested for breaking and entering, disorderly conduct and driving while intoxicated."

I asked what the majority of violations are. Bibeau has been working with waterfowl hunters for the past two weeks. His department has taken 27 violations to court. Most of the violations were for unsigned duck stamps, shooting over the limit, and guns not properly plugged and therefore capable of firing more than three shells after one loading. If possible, the department tries to take the violators to federal court because state courts tend to fool around with plea bargaining and other legal devices, enabling defendants to get off the hook easier than they should. In a federal court, violators are less likely to fight, the warden added.

A game warden's work is not easy and is more dangerous than police work when firearms are involved. In effect, the hunter is hunted. Surprised at close quarters, a violator with a gun in one hand and illegal game in the

other, might try to fight his way out. Just knowing that someone is breaking the law is not enough. A game warden must show positive proof of violation before a court case can really stick.

Bibeau knew of two elderly duck hunters who were baiting waterfowl into their setup. He had pictures, taken with a telephoto lens, of the men throwing bait into the water. But to get a case that the men could not bargain their way out of, he wanted to wait until a duck was killed. He had to wait 27 days before a duck died on the baited set. There were plenty of times when the men shot, but they waited until all the ducks had their heads under water. They would shoot then and only succeeded in wounding birds which flew off to die somewhere else with shotgun pellets in their rear section.

Finally, one duck pulled his head out of the water just as the men fired. Hit in the head, the bird died instantly. Bibeau had positive proof. Even though aged, one of the men tried to run off through the marsh when Robert approached. He fell into a sink-hole and when Robert pulled him out his first words were, "I didn't put that bait out there."

We arrived at the refuge headquarters at 6 a.m. There we met Mountain. The department's jet boat was fueled and we headed for water. After racing through the darkness Bibeau stopped the jet boat near a small island. He explained that we would watch blinds on the far side of the island. We crossed the island and crawled up on the stump of an overturned tree. It was still dark. Small motorboats sputtered through the inky-black, tiny flashlight beams peering ahead of them. Men's voices, muffled bumps and splashes reached our

ears.

As the sky turned lighter, waterfowl whistled over our heads. Legal shooting time was still a half-hour away. Bibeau listened intently. No guns fired. Birds were everywhere. He knew most of the men by name and where they lived. He also knew which ones deserved to be in jail. "We don't always have time to concentrate on small groups or individuals," Bibeau said.

Nothing much happened for two hours. Guns boomed, dogs barked and the flights of moving birds thinned. We moved back to the boat and began patrolling the open water and posted areas. Everyone we checked was legal with the exception of one hunter who had left his license and duck stamp in different pants. Robert wrote down his name and address and told the hunter to bring the license and stamp down to the refuge headquarters later that day. The hunter could have been taken to court.

Most of the hunters were hidden in camouflaged boats that looked like pill-boxes. Speeding ducks would circle the decoys, warily looking for something amiss. When the birds were close enough, guns bristled out of the green camouflage and fired. One bird was hit superficially and glided into the water 100 yards from the blind. Immediately the boat blind was moving, its nose in the air as the powerful 65 h.p. engine drove the boat towards the wounded bird. Acting in a responsible manner, the hunters had the wounded bird reduced to possession in less than a minute.

"We get a lot of knuckle-heads out around deer season," he said. "I'm glad when deer season is finished. For most people that is the end of the hunting and fishing year. We don't have to work night and day then."

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